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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response under 37 CFR 1.111 (7 pages)

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed February 28, 2001, for the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (three-times amended):

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1. An article comprising a porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube having a circumference wherein the circumference of said porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube increases in response to the application of internal pressure up to a second circumference, thereafter the tube itself limits further growth in the circumference so as to remain substantially unchanged with further increasing internal pressure.

Claim 33. (three-times amended):

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33. An article comprising a porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube having a first circumference at a first internal pressure of atmospheric pressure, a second circumference at a second internal pressure of greater than atmospheric pressure, said second circumference being greater than the first circumference, wherein upon applying an internal pressure greater than the second internal pressure, the porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube itself limits further growth to substantially the second circumference.